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Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and an accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) for the above-identified application. This Statement is submitted:

- ☐ [] within three months of the application filing date;
- ☒ [X] more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure

Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

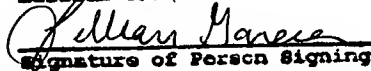


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to
the following documents:

M/A-COM, Inc., "Videocipher II Satellite Descrambler
Owner's Manual," dated prior to Feb. 1986.

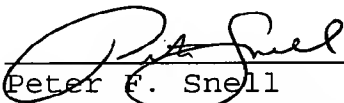
Tech Notes: Product Updates from M/A-COM Cable Home
Group, "Videocipher Owner's Manual Update," Issue
No. 6, Feb. 1986.

Copies of the aforementioned documents, which are
listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in
duplicate), are enclosed herewith. It is respectfully
requested that these documents be: (1) fully considered by
the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this

application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application.

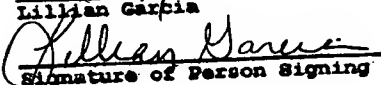
Applicant requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.


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	Tech Notes: Product Updates from M/A-COM Cable Home Group, "Videocipher Owner's Manual Update," Issue No. 6, Feb. 1986.

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EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.